

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 48, 49, 51, 55 and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Leonard (WO 02/19919). Claims 50, 52 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Leonard. Claims 59 and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Leonard in view of Wilder et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,562,832).

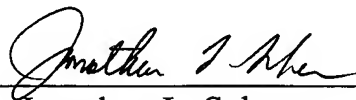
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Bates and Supervisory Examiner Barrett for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of October 8, 2009. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims that they are distinguished over the prior art of record. It was further agreed that, in the absence of more relevant prior art, the captioned application should be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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